(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the strategies to be adopted to make the goods use of canals for irrigation purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) Expenditure incurred by States for major & medium irrigation projects during the IXth and Xth Plan is reported to be about Rs 1,33,000 crores with creation of additional irrigation potential of about 9.4 million hectare.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) With a view to fully utilize the created facilities, due emphasis has been laid on command area development and water management programme. Government of India provides assistance to States under the scheme "Command Area Development & Water Management". Further, the extension, renovation and modernization (ERM) are also considered for support under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) as per approved guidelines.

Dugwells scheme

1650. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Dugwells Scheme;

(b) the funds allocated and spent and targets achieved so far, in various States;

(c) in what manner Rajasthan has implemented this Scheme so far, achievements thereof; and

(d) the funds allotted to Rajasthan for Dugwells Scheme, in the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (d) The scheme on 'Artificial Recharge of Groundwater through Dugwells' has been launched in the year 2008 with a total outlay of Rs. 1798.71 crore in 1180 Blocks/Talukas/Mandals in seven States including the State of Rajasthan. The objectives of the scheme include, recharge of existing dugwells, improvement of ground water situation, increase in sustainability of ground water during lean period and improvement in the overall agricultural productivity.

204 assessment units (Over-exploited, critical and semi-critical) in 33 districts of Rajasthan, which are predominantly underlain by hard rocks are covered under the scheme. 1065051 dugwells have been identified for coverage under the scheme. An amount of Rs. 34.082 crore has been allocated for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities and Rs. 283.070 crore has been allocated as subsidy for beneficiary farmers in the State. The funds allocated and spent under the scheme are indicated in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise details of funds allocated, subsidy/IEC released and recharge structures completed during the XI Plan under the scheme for 'Artificial Recharge of Ground Water through Dugwells'

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Fund allocation including subsidy to beneficiaries and for EC to State agencies	Subsidy released	Funds released towards IEC activities	Recharge tructures completed
1	Andhra Pradesh	327.34	0.000	0	0
2	Gujarat	208.49	40.123	3.25	4088
3	Karnataka	58.69	24.674	2.00	508
4	Madhya Pradesh	136.92	0.000	2.00	0
5	Maharashtra	110.14	13.839	2.00	28254
6	Rajasthan	317.15	16.913	2.00	21
7	Tamil Nadu	490.23	98.042	5.75	14980
	TOTAL :	1648.96	191.591	17.00	47851

Crisis of drinking water

†1651. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crisis of drinking water has raised due to shortage of water in many rivers and their tributary rivers of the country because of scanty rainfall;

(b) whether it is also a fact that wastage and poisonous chemicals are falling in rivers like before as a result water is not being cleaned completely even by the water treatment and drinking water is becoming poisonous; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to solve the crisis of drinking water which is becoming critical?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) The water availability in many of the reservoirs is relatively lesser during the year 2009-10 due to deficient rainfall in the country as a whole. However, report of major crisis of drinking water has not been received by the Department of Drinking Water Supply from States.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.